



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 19, 2004

### **S. 931** **Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 14, 2004*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 931 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to establish a program to reduce the risk of avalanches on certain federal land used for recreation. The bill would require the secretaries to establish an advisory committee to assist in developing and carrying out the proposed program and would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million a year over the 2005-2009 period for grants to nonfederal parties to support that program.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 931 would cost \$4 million in 2005 and \$65 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts. S. 931 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. States may benefit from grants authorized by this bill.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 931 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that funds will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 931 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	15
Estimated Outlays	4	11	17	17	16

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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